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(Case No. 99,225)

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In re Application of: )

Chester A. Ruszczyk et al. )

Serial No.: 09/727,069 )

Filed: November 30, 2000 )

For: METHOD FOR REDUCING )  
INTERFERENCE FROM )  
INITIALIZING NETWORK )  
DEVICES IN A DATA-OVER- )  
CABLE SYSTEM )

Group Art Unit: 2188

Examiner: ~~Not Assigned~~

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, and in accordance with the duty of candor set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed along with a copy of completed PTO Form-1449.

**CITED REFERENCES**

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### III. Discussion

Applicant submits that these documents, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to show or suggest the claimed subject matter. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the entirety of each document and make them of record in this application. Applicant's submission of these documents for consideration is not to be construed as an admission that the documents qualify as prior art to the claimed subject matter, a representation that a search has been made, nor as an admission that the information is considered to be material to patentability.

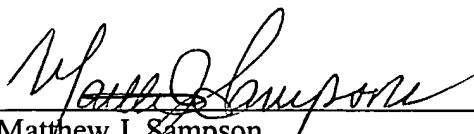
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
  - b) PTO-1449 Form;
  - c) Copies of 43 Cited References for 09/727,069; and
  - d) Postcard
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) No fee is required.
  - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in a box addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on November 20, 2001.

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